

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
May 18, 2010

Monte Striegel called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. A silent prayer was observed.

Members Present: Commissioner Monte Striegel, Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner John Schafstall

Others Present: Sheriff Marc Lahrman, Attorney Susan Bevers and Auditor Debra Eggeman

Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 50, 2010 minutes as presented. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Trena Carter with Administrative Resources informed Commissioners that the building project for the Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department was not funded. Trena stated that if the county is willing to move forward with an application for the next round of funding the due date for the application is August 13, 2010. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to proceed with the application process. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Trudy Reynolds with the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) appeared before Commissioner requesting funding for 2011. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$30,500.00 which is the same amount allotted in 2010.

Dr. Dan Walters and Susan Wolfe-Walters appeared before Commissioners to express their concerns with Ordinance 2010-9 (Canine Control Ordinance). Dr. Walters stated that business owners such as groomers and boarders are being required to pay fees and they are not the persons creating the dog problem in the county. Veterinarians are excluded in the ordinance and boarding and grooming are also services which they provide. Other in attendance who spoke against the ordinance as it is written was Robert Emily, Karen Carl and Phil Walker. Jerry Hounshel requested that the Canine Control Committee member Debbie Hackman meet with individuals to compile a list of concerns and present them to Commissioners at the June 1, 2010 meeting. John Schafstall stated that

Commissioners are aware that the Canine Control Ordinance has problems as written but Commissioners are going to address these issues.

Fleeta Arthur with the Jackson County Parks & Recreations Department appeared before Commissioners with a request to enlarge the County Park at Brownstown. The expansion is to establish a full size soccer field, a baseball field and also a parking area. Fleeta also informed Commissioners that there have been reports of noise violations from the surrounding neighbors near the park. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that once a policy is presented to Commissioners by the Parks Department the Commissioners can adopt an ordinance to address the noise issues. The Parks Department is responsible for setting the hours to which the park will remain open to the public which is to be from sunrise until 11:00 PM all year round. In another matter Fleeta requested that Commissioners allow the Park & Recreations Department more time to raise funds to save the Bell Ford Bridge that was given to the City of Lawrence. The City of Lawrence is asking for a six-month extension to get funding in place before taking the bridge. Kathy Eaton with INDOT appeared before Commissioners and requested that a decision be made on the Bell Ford Bridge. A TE Grant in the amount of \$900,000.00 and National Historic Covered Bridge grants amounting to \$680,000.00 are still available for use. These funds can be used for other TE projects. Kathy stated that the county can request that the funds be diverted to a project involving the Shieldstown Covered Bridge. After much discussion the Commissioners stated that an answer on the Bell Ford Bridge will be made by the June 17, 2010 meeting of the County Commissioners.

Jack Montgomery, a Jackson County Fair Board member appeared before Commissioners requesting \$50,000.00 for repairs to the antique building. The Fair Board is a leaseholder of the county but the buildings belong to the county. Attorney Susan Bevers explained that stated that in the past the county has given \$18,000.00 to pay for repairs at the fairground. The monies received through the visitors center is for advertising and cannot be used for repairs. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the \$50,000.00 request contingent upon Council approval of the funds. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Monte Striegel voted no.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin and Project Engineer Eric Burnn with Strand and Associations gave a brief update on the Rockford Bridge Project.

Jason Fee with Janssen & Spaans Engineering gave an update on the Medora Covered Bridge project.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted the annual report for approval. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard submitted a change in the requirements of ARRA Section 3001 for approval. Dependents can be covered up to age of 26 years of age instead of 19 years of age. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Jeff also informed Commissioners that there will be some ongoing changes in insurance coverage's and a representative of SIHO has stated that he is willing to speak with Commissioners if needed.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis informed Commissioners that the Advisory Board has approved the purchase of a new vehicle for the Director's position. The cost of a new 2010 Ford Explorer will be \$29,996 with a trade in of \$3,000.00 which will make the cost less than the government rate. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the purchase. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Andrew Harrison with Schneider Corporation appeared before Commissioners informing them that the Schneider Corporation in cooperation with the Department of Local Government Finance is pleased to announce that every taxed property in all 92 counties in Indiana is now available in Beacon. The Beacon Basic Portal is a no cost version of the Beacon Web Portal. Schneider has technical staff to assist counties in including this into the counties websites.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman submitted the April report for the Jail activities. Sheriff Lahrman also informed Commissioners that Jackson County is taking in the fifth highest revenue from the state.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer submitted the departments monthly report for April 2010.

Attorney Susan Bevers informed Commissioners that the agreement with Red Sky Rescue is ready for approval and signature. Monte Striegel made a motion to approve. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers informed Commissioners of a request received from Pitney Bowes Software, Inc. requesting the use of electronic map data. The fee to be

received for a one time delivery is \$750.00. Monte Striegel made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers submitted Resolution 2010-14 for approval. Resolution 2010-14 is a resolution authorizing the participation of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department in a deferred compensation plan. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The meeting recessed until June 1st, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

Monte Striegel – President

John Schafstall

Jerry Hounshel

Debra Eggeman - attest

